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INTERVIEW WITH

SIR ADAM BECK AND MR. W. W. POPE







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QUESTION: Any engineers already on your staff would they be charged to us?

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MR. R. A. ROSS: In order that these charges might be passed by us - what is the proper charge? Supposing we get the Commission's auditors and our engineers to frame up a statement as to what would be considered expenses from their point of view and our point of view, and we will look it over. Then we will not have any dispute at the end. Say three representatives, or our engineer and auditor and your representative and auditor. They can say these are properly chargeable when they are incurred - photographs, blue prints, extra stenographers will be a charge. Any extra engineers hired for this purpose, etc. As far as the time of Sir Adam Beck or his officials' time - there wouldn't be any charge for that.

SIR ADAM BECK: Mr. Harris would not take a superintendent of a Department and put him on a job. He would give that to the men of department. He might take a day, or a week or a month, it is extra work and cannot be chargeable to that department. We may have to get more than half a dozen men, you may come up and want certain information.

MR. GREGORY: I would try to allow any extra expense.

MR. J. A. ROSS: Extra expense what is it?

MR. GREGORY: Any copying required we will do ourselves.

SIR ADAM BECK: That will cost you money.

MR. GREGORY: Yes, but we do not <sup>want</sup> copies of all documents.

SIR ADAM BECK: We have not the faintest idea of what you do want.

MR. GREGORY: We look to ourselves that we are responsible for any charge even if the Government pays.

SIR ADAM BECK: We will ask the Government how we are to defray the cost.

MR. GREGORY: We will be held responsible for any money that the Government will pay and they will charge us up with same even if they pay it. We cannot avoid any responsibility by saying that the bill will go to the Government - we are vitally interested.

MR. POPE: There were very large expenses on the Radial - we had 8 miles of blue prints made and 10 copies of everything.

SIR ADAM BECK: You do not know what you want.







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MR. GREGORY: You suggest, Mr. Ross, that our engineers and their engineers arrive at some basis as to what to charge.

SIR ADAM BECK: You will pay for work actually done for you - you will not pay for light, room space, pen and ink, etc. We will charge the men's time on the work.

MR. GREGORY: We want to avoid overhead expenses.

SIR ADAM BECK: If you could see the list of stuff sent in from time to time for the Radial you would be staggered.

MR. R.A. ROSS: The suggestion as made today will relieve you as when we see what we have to pay for anything we will be cautious about asking for information.

SIR ADAM BECK: Let us understand this - that we have to have authority to spend any money.

MR. GREGORY: The Government before they give this authority will want us to state first of all the basis on which these charges are made. If you hire a stenographer to make copies? If we go up to have a talk with Mr. Gaby or Mr. Acres we do not want to be charged.

SIR ADAM BECK: If you want copying or blue prints we will leave the charges to Mr. Ross - he knows.

MR. GREGORY: So far as documents which we want - we will do the copying I think.

SIR ADAM BECK: We will assist you to economize but we must take the stand that nothing that means money or expense will be charged to other than where it belongs.

MR. HANEY: I think the whole point is whether you are going to charge us with the time of your permanent staff.

MR. GREGORY: That is where we draw the line.

MR. POPE: Nothing for our permanent staff.

QUESTION: What do you mean by "Staff" engineers, stenographers?

MR. POPE: Officials.

SIR ADAM BECK: In the Radial - Mr. Opos did not put in any time, but there were men's work and overtime. We do not propose to charge for the officials.

MR. GREGORY: How about Mr. Hogg - is he one of the staff?

SIR ADAM BECK: Take Mr. Gaby he works 15 or 16 hours a day every week. Anyone of the engineers that were on this work would put in overtime - we allowed them overtime.







MR. POPE: Three of them.

MR. HARRIS: Do we understand that you will charge us with the overtime?

SIR ADAM BECK: No, every hour that is put on this work. We cannot do it any more than you can give extra power.

MR. HARRIS: Different situation altogether.

SIR ADAM BECK: Municipalities pay their charges against them.

MR. HARRIS: You have a permanent organization at work. If it is at work preparing the documents for us why should you charge for it when it does not cost you more? If working overtime we should be charged for it.

MR. POPE: Every moment of the staff is charged to the municipalities or the Government - every dollar put in has to come in from some source.

SIR ADAM BECK: Take rural work - the City knows it wants power but a hamlet wants estimates, information, data, etc. If the district does not take the power the charge is against the Government, the Province as a whole, unless the district takes the power. These engineers are chargeable to the Government as they go on the work. Very often the district finds it not practicable, then the Province as a whole has voted the money to take care of this sort of thing. The other municipalities do not have to pay for this.

MR. POPE: 20 to 20 farmers sent in a petition for an estimate. We estimate and report, then we go to the Township Council. To encourage them the government pays one-half to start the thing. The estimates, surveying, etc. is chargeable on that particular construction work for that particular district. You could not charge other municipalities for the engineers.

MR. HARRIS: Is that provided in the Act?

SIR ADAM BECK: Yes.

MR. POPE: The engineers work on work orders, maybe on one to five jobs. Charges are divided over 4, 5, 6 or 7 - Take the channel in the St. Lawrence - charged to the Government. You couldn't take a man off a particular job and put him on another - you have to make the charges to those jobs for whatever time he spends on this work.



MR. TOLSON: Please go ahead.

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SIR ADAM BECK: You have three developments, one east, one west and one north. You cannot charge the east with the work on the north, and if you take man off altogether and put him on special work you cannot charge the north, east or west with it. He may do work on estimates; the Government has appropriated money for such work or his working orders may show he spent one-half day or a week on the St. Lawrence work. We cannot charge the Chippawa for a dollar of that cost when he is doing it for another body.

MR. HARRIS: You make an investigation first - is that all paid by the Province as a whole?

MR. POPE: Unless it is gone on with - yes.

MR. HARRIS: These are in Bonds - Hydro?

SIR ADAM BECK: No, certain bonds on.

In the beginning of the year we hand in the usual list for the year for investigations and estimates on account of municipalities which are passed by a vote of the Legislature each year. Then if anything special comes up we must get an Order-in-Council to do it. When a municipality makes an application for a report or a certain district we get an Order-in-Council, comes before the minutes and we make a report. This money is provided by vote of the Legislature.

MR. HARRIS: After the estimate is given does the money come back?

SIR ADAM BECK: If they decide to go on with the work it is a charge upon the capital account of the cost upon the actual work.

MR. POPE: When the work is complete there is a consolidation of all the work orders.

SIR ADAM BECK: Every cent we spend must be charged to the proper account. The different municipalities are charged for all work done for them and they are charged 6% on unpaid accounts. We had quite a racket with the L & P.S. We were to do the electrical installation. The Mayor in London instead of issuing debentures borrowed from the Bank and in the end the Railway was stuck 6.34 for every dollar we put in it. He did not pay the money that we had spent on engineers and we asked for tenders for converters and transformers and the tenders came in and we advised them what they were. Then the auditor said we did not have any right to do this and we wrote the Mayor and asked him to send along a cheque and he sent it.

MR. R.A. ROSS: This Commission is empowered to go into the whole of your system. Why not put the cost against the whole system, the power system?



The first thing I saw when I stepped out of the car was a man in a dark suit and a white shirt, looking at me with a serious expression. He was standing in the middle of the street, and I could see other people in the background, but they were out of focus. I walked towards him, and he stopped. He looked at me again, and then he spoke.

After the 1940s and - 1950s, the population of the country was growing rapidly, and the country was becoming more and more developed.

*Integrating* = adding up all the parts; putting them together.

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There have been no other cases of this disease in the country.

1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the cold. It was a sharp contrast to the warm blanket I had been sitting under. I looked around and saw a few other people standing in the snow, some looking at their watches and others just shivering. I felt a bit out of place, but I didn't have time to think about it. I had to get to work.

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SIR ADAM BECK: You can use our buildings, typewriters, etc., or anything that we have bought, but we have no right as Trustees to take expenses on one thing and charge them to another.

MR. R.A. ROSS: Supposing the municipalities stated that they wanted an investigation?

SIR ADAM BECK: Then get the 350 municipalities to say they will pay the expenses, as they can.

MR. R. A. ROSS: You are going to charge the Commission for every bit of information we obtain from your staff?

MR. GREGORY: We can issue a subpoena and get them down for a dollar a day.

SIR ADAM BECK: You will remember that one engineer put in an estimate to do a certain grade on a Railway - he put it at one million dollars and said he could do it for that. Then he got all the section men, machinists, etc. that were on the whole section and put them on that work - and he did it for one million dollars!

MR. R. A. ROSS: He was not an engineer.

SIR ADAM BECK: I can do with my own business like that - but here we have Trusteeship duties and they are defined by contracts and agreements and an Act "you shall do so and so" and when you do otherwise you are not doing your duty.

MR. GREGORY: I had an investigation at Brantford and the Government did not pay a cent. If you were sued by anybody would you charge it to the Government?

SIR ADAM BECK: If we are charged with the killing of a man at Chippawa this charge is against the Chippawa Development.

MR. GREGORY: Mr. Ross, let us get down to brass tacks.

MR. POPE: You have an estimate of what money you are going to require for different plants - you cannot go one dollar over that if you do your auditors are on your necks - we are in the same position.

MR. R.A. ROSS: Listen - you have furnished us with certain information we have asked for. You made it in triplicate. The information we are going to require in future is not to be in that form. We are going to require certain information from you through our engineers who will put it in such shape that we will be able to understand it in a few minutes. They will have to go to you to get that information however, but they will have it in their own room in your building. This is not going to be an expense to you or to us.



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SIR ADAM BECK: Your engineers will cost more than ours.

MR. R.A. ROSS: What we do want to know is this - let our engineers get together and see what you consider broadly should be charged to us. Remember this, if we have engineers with a knowledge of what it is going to cost them to get this information they will ask for as little as they can.

SIR ADAM BECK: Understand that we are going to do everything we can to keep down the cost. It is up to your officials to familiarize themselves with things. Anything that they demand that we are required to make expenditures of money - whether \$1. or \$100,000 we have to have authority from the government, just the same as when we prepare an estimate for a hamlet for a distribution of power.

MR. GREGORY: We take the ground that we should not pay the engineers if they are on your regular staff.

MR. POPE: Every minute of their time is distributed on some job and we cannot charge the municipalities with the time spent on your work.

MR. GREGORY: You have given information before without charge.

SIR ADAM BECK: If we have sinned before do not let us do it again.

MR. HARRIS: I want to clear up my mind - if I took a contract to manufacture anything at cost I would include whatever we needed - then the Government came along and placed down a law that forces me to do things I did not figure on - that would go into my cost.

SIR ADAM BECK: We are not in business - we are only Trustees.

MR. HARRIS: But you are in business - the biggest business in the country.

SIR ADAM BECK: I can show you where we could sell power by advertising but we cannot advertise.

MR. HARRIS: But you get some --

SIR ADAM BECK: The Press does that for nothing.

MR. HARRIS: Your cost is made up by labour demands. If the Government passed a law that makes you spend more money - that is overhead.

SIR ADAM BECK: No - the Province as a whole

MR. HARRIS: No - the Province as a whole is not interested. Why should the Province as a whole stand this money to carry on work the Government wants done? 50% of the people of the Province only are interested in it.





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SIR ADAM BECK: Did you ever work for a Municipality?

MR. HARRIS: Yes.

SIR ADAM BECK: If you want the confidence of 200 to 300 municipalities you have to try to grove to the line so that they cannot assert that you are charging \$10.00 to one municipality which should be charged to another - and that is what you are asking us to do.

MR. GREGORY: If we investigated you all the time you would be making money.

SIR ADAM BECK: The Radial Inquiry killed Bob MacKay - he worked night and day.

MR. HARRIS: That is the reason you have made it a success.

SIR ADAM BECK: Is it a success? I will wait until you get through.

If you think the Act is fair and proper - if you do what you believe is fair and proper that is a whole lot. But there are always somethings coming up. Port Huron wants a big block of power but you have to look out and watch those people.

You have no idea of the amount of work involved. You are a Director of a Company but you have your organization but if you are a Trustee for an Estate and it provides that you "shall" do certain things you are going to follow it out to the letter.

MR. HARRIS: This is correct of Trusteeship.

SIR ADAM BECK: But when you are Trustees for an Estate and it provides what you shall do with the money you take in. You cannot advertise - you cannot give out any advertising.

MR. J.A. ROSS: You hire experts from time to time - Are we not in the position of experts?

SIR ADAM BECK: The only difference is that we have not asked you.

MR. J. A. ROSS: But the Government has.

SIR ADAM BECK: Then let the Government pay.

MR. J.A. ROSS: You stated that it was a good thing?

SIR ADAM BECK: I stated if it did right.

MR. J.A. ROSS: Why are we not in a position of any expert that you hire?



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It is noted that the above information is that we have not asked you.

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SIR ADAM BECK: Take Cooper - We were alarmed with strikes, labour conditions, etc. that we would not be able to finish in time or with the money as estimated. We went to see the Premier and thought we might get some money. Cooper of St. Lawrence thought he might make a report. I introduced the Prime Minister who believed he would be justified and the Government authorized it and Cooper made a report.

MR. POPE: His fees were charged to the work.

SIR ADAM BECK: He told us to do this and that and advised us that it would be done in time and for the estimate but he gave me a letter afterwards and stated that we would be finished until 1923 and it would cost more. When we got his charge we charged it to the work and that is all to that.

Suppose you were to audit the whole system. Our running audit would be interfered with. It is the government's opinion that these accounts are in proper shape. We do not think they need investigating. We presume that the government thinks they are properly audited.

MR. HARRIS: We had our auditor meet Mr. Clarkson and so far as the work done by Mr. Clarkson we need not go into it at all.

MR. POPE: Mr. Clarkson investigated in 1905- 1917 and the Commission paid for it.

MR. HARRIS: We believe that we made tremendous headway yesterday.

SIR ADAM BECK: They are responsible to the Government for what they do - you are also responsible to them.

MR. HARRIS: We have to go together and we have decided that we will work together.

SIR ADAM BECK: We had our own accountant and he kept up a running report to the Government. The Provincial Treasurer was supposed to audit it. We put in Andrews for our own protection which was charged to the municipalities. Then Clarkson's were engaged and were charged to the Province. We let Andrews and his organization go then Clarkson's were made our own auditors and their cost is adjusted among the various municipalities, since 1918.

MR. GREGORY: Let Mr. Ross, Mr. Harris and Mr. Landis take up the matter with Mr. Gaby to come to some basis.

SIR ADAM BECK: It would have to be taken up with the Commission

MR. HARRIS: I think Sir Adam really agrees that the Hydro should pay this as a matter of business.

SIR ADAM BECK: But not as a matter of law.

MR. HARRIS: The Hydro has been under a business basis.





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SIR ADAM BECK: A will is not on a business basis.

We should have Clarkson here.

MR. POPE: The Municipalities are run by the Hydro Commission Act. *What is your suggestion?*

SIR ADAM BECK: We are going to be guided by our legal advisers and our auditors when it comes to allotting expenses when they are made and he will see that they are allotted. We have asked the authority of the government to spend the money on account of this Commission and we will have to hear from the Government before we can do so. *Can you say anything more about this?*

MR. R. A. ROSS: Can you make arrangements this afternoon to put someone in charge to make a statement of what you intend to charge? *What charges are you making?*

MR. HARRIS: Give us a bill for what you have already done.

MR. GREGORY: Then we can audit the bill.

MR. HARRIS: As a matter of business.

MR. HANEY: We are agreed upon one thing - that we have decided that for Commissioners or heads of departments there will be no charge.

SIR ADAM BECK: There will be no charge for officers.

MR. J. A. ROSS: You mean?

SIR ADAM BECK: I mean Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Engineer, etc.

MR. GREGORY: We cannot give a detail of what we want.

SIR ADAM BECK: You have to have data and information to enable you to tell what you want and we are not going to do anything to stop this information.

MR. GREGORY: We shall want the original documents here.

SIR ADAM BECK: Do you want them here? Are you going to take our books and minutes down here?

MR. GREGORY: I did not say that.

MR. HANEY: We may want the original documents to work on down here. You can get receipts from the Secretary.

SIR ADAM BECK: We have had a good many inquiries and investigations and if you had as many you would be very glad to go to Russia. We have not had any trouble nor complaint of non-co-operation on our part.



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